

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 25th March 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Music Institutes

* 152 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps, if any, taken by the Government to encourage the starting of Music Institutes by qualified diploma-holders in music; and

(*b*) the conditions for State recognition of such Institutes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: As a matter of general policy, Government have decided not to recognise Music Schools. As such, the question of encouraging the establishment of Music Schools does not, therefore, arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Sir, may I know why the Government have decided not to encourage the starting of such an institute? On the other hand, may I request the Government to consider the question of giving State grants for such purposes to encourage Fine Arts and Music?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, the difficulty arises in regard to the conditions under which it should be recognised. Music is an art to be learnt under a very well qualified exponent of music. Once we start giving recognition, difficulties would arise particularly when all sorts of persons come forward to start music schools and spoil the quality and standard of music.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: In the circumstances stated by the Hon. Minister, will the Government start their own institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have got a college and I think this should be left completely to private effort and I do not think music can be properly taught in a school as such.

Modern Indian languages

* 153 *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN (on behalf of Sri V. V. Ramaswami): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any circular from the Central Government for sending proposals regarding financial assistance for development of modern Indian languages; and